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Application of:

Franklin Okumu

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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))

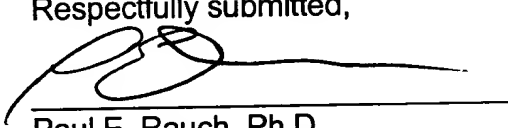
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to the Office Action dated September 27, 2002 for a period of three months.

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Respectfully submitted,


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